



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Assignee: Rapt, Inc.  
Title: Method and Business Process for the Estimation of Erosion Costs in  
Assemble-to-Order Manufacturing Operations  
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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated May 24, 2005, having a shortened statutory period expiring on August 24, 2005. Accompanying this response is a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for a one month extension of time, setting a new time for response to September 26, 2005 (September 24, 2005, being a Saturday). Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of amendments and remarks set forth below.

No Amendments to the Specification are presented in this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.